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Attorney General John Ashcroft
The United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

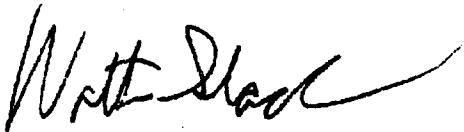
I am writing to express my displeasure with the involvement of state officials in the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. Although I am happy to see that this matter is being settled, the concessions are too harsh and unnecessary.

I am also very upset that my state Attorney General (Michael Blumenthal) is involved with this matter. I thought that anti-trust was a Federal issue. My state Attorney General should be going after drug dealer and other such criminals that are a state issue that more directly affects my quality of life. His involvement in anti-trust issues is just a redundancy of what the Federal Government is doing.

Personally, I think that Mike Blumenthal just enjoys seeing his face on national TV.

I request that no further litigation is pursued by the US DOJ and urge that local officials stay out of this settlement altogether. Thank you for your time; please lean on the last nine states and DC to settle, and I hope that what ultimately occurs will be in the best interests of the American public and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Slack", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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